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Paul J. Fishman
United States Attorney
United States Attorney's Office- District of New Jersey
970 Broad Street, Suite 700
Newark, NJ 07102

Re: Request for Prosecutorial Assistance
Port Imperial Ferry Corp ([REDACTED] - CWA) (0203-0194)

Dear Paul J. Fishman:

This letter is to officially request your office's participation in the investigation of alleged environmental crimes involving Port Imperial Ferry Corp ([REDACTED] - CWA).

On or about May 23, 2016, the United States Attorney's Office - District of New Jersey notified the United States Environmental Protection Agency - Criminal Investigation Division (EPA-CID) that a civil action had been filed in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey against the Port Imperial Ferry Corporation, New York Waterway (NY Waterway), et al., pursuant to the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C § 3729 et seq.) and alleging the illegal dumping of sewage from NY Waterway vessels at its Port Imperial, NJ maintenance dock.

EPA CID is currently investigating these allegations as potential criminal violations of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 U.S.C. § 407) and/or other federal statutes. Additionally, EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics, and Training (OCEFT) has determined that it is likely this investigation has environmental justice concerns based on a combination of social vulnerability factors and environmental stressors.

Special Agent [REDACTED] is assigned to this investigation and [REDACTED] has reviewed this matter with Assistant U.S. Attorney Jason S. Gould of your office. Special Agent [REDACTED] may be reached at 212-[REDACTED]. Additionally, this matter has been reviewed by EPA's Regional Criminal Enforcement Counsel (RCEC) [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] RCEC Hick may be contacted at [REDACTED] for further assistance. This office will provide the necessary investigative, legal, and technical support to the Assistant U.S. Attorney responsible for the prosecution.

We look forward to working with your office on this investigation and appreciate your assistance in this matter. If I may be of further assistance, you can contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

for

Special Agent in Charge

Cc: case file